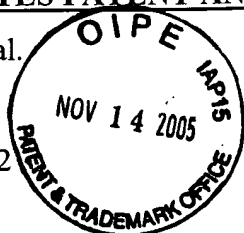


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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on October 13, 2005. Concurrently filed herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to November 14, 2005.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.